

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the section entitled Brief Description of the Drawings with the following re-written section:

Various preferred embodiments of the presently disclosed printer are described herein with reference to the drawings wherein:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view with parts separated of one embodiment of the presently disclosed modular printer;

FIG. 2 is a perspective view with parts separated of the electrical and drive components of the modular printer shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a perspective view with parts separated of the media take-up assembly of the modular printer shown in FIG. 1 when the printer is operated as a thermal ink printer;

FIG. 4 is a perspective view with parts separated of the hub assembly of the media take-up assembly shown in FIG. 3;

FIG. 5 is a perspective view of the ribbon take-up assembly of the modular printer shown in FIG. 1 when the printer is operated as an ink ribbon printer;

FIG. 6 is a perspective view with parts separated of the support block assembly of the modular printer shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 7 is a perspective view with parts separated of the printhead assembly of the modular printer shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 8 is a top view of the stepper motor assembly of the modular printer shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 9 is a perspective view of another preferred embodiment of the presently disclosed modular printer;

FIG. 10 is a perspective view of the modular printer shown in FIG. 9 with a first half of the outer cover removed;

FIG. 10A is a side view of the modular printer shown in FIG. 9 with a first half of the cover and the printer modules removed;

FIG. 10B is an exploded perspective view of a printhead assembly according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 11 is a perspective view of the modular printer shown in FIG. 1 with a second half of the cover removed;

FIG. 12 is another preferred embodiment of the presently disclosed modular printer including a scanner;

FIG. 13 is a perspective view of yet another preferred embodiment of the presently disclosed modular printer;

FIG. 14 is a bottom, side perspective view of the modular printer shown in FIG. 13 with the entire cover removed and the ribbon supply module and ribbon take-up module removed;

FIG. 14A is a top, front perspective view of the modular printer shown in FIG. 13 with a portion of the cover removed and a roll of ribbon and a pair of circuit boards separated therefrom;

FIG. 15 is a bottom, opposite side perspective view of the modular printer shown in FIG. 14;

FIG. 16 is a rear perspective view of the modular printer shown in FIG. 15 with the power supply module attached to the centerplate;

FIG. 17 is a rear bottom perspective view of the modular printer shown in FIG. 16 with the card cage assembly removed;

FIG. 18 is a front perspective view of the modular printer shown in FIG. 13 with the front cover removed;

FIG. 19 is a side perspective view with parts separated of the hub assembly of the ribbon supply assembly;

~~FIG. 19A is a side of the sensor label of the hub assembly shown in FIG. 19;~~

FIG. 20 is a side cross-sectional view of a torsion spring of the hub assembly shown in FIG. 19;

FIG. 21 is a side perspective view of the modular printer shown in FIG. 16 with the motor and cam assembly of the ribbon saver mechanism secured thereto;

FIG. 22 is a side perspective view of the cam assembly of the ribbon saver mechanism of the modular printer shown in FIG. 21;

FIG. 23 is a side perspective view with parts separated of the brake assembly of the ribbon saver mechanism; and

FIG. 24 is a side perspective view of the modular printer shown in FIG. 16 with the brake assembly of the ribbon saver mechanism secured thereto.